



DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER



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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS TOGETHER, 2019 “Blessed, Broken, Given”

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Hope Celebration of Worship at 11:00 a.m. Luke 1:1-25, “We Begin With Waiting”	December 1
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Peace Celebration of Worship at 11:00 a.m. Luke 1:26-56, “She Who Believed”	December 8
CHRISTMAS FEST Saturday A time of Celebration and Fellowship for the whole family « The festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. «	December 14
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Joy Celebration of Worship at 11:00 a.m. Luke 1:57-80, “Blessed Obedience”	December 15
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Love Celebration of Worship at 11:00 a.m. Luke 2:1-20, “Treasuring God’s Timing”	December 22
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE Tuesday Candlelight Service and Carol Sing « The service begins at 6:00 p.m. «	December 24
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS Celebration of Worship at 11:00 a.m. Luke 2:21-40, “Blessed, Broken, Given”	December 29



CHRISTMAS FEST!

Please Join us for our
Christmas Fest
on Saturday, December 14th at 4pm
in the FBCS Gathering Area.

This is a fun-filled time that includes
food, music, fellowship, family and a
fabulously fantastic time, and of course
all the yummy cookies that each of you bring!

We need to know how many are attending so we can set up;
Please RSVP by or before December 1

~ Jennifer Patterson and Kelly Roberts ~



Preparing for Scripture

~ Weekly Readings

Nov 24-Dec 1

Luke 1:1-25, "We Begin With Waiting"

December 2-8

Luke 1:26-56, "She Who Believed"

December 9-15

Luke 1:57-80, "Blessed Obedience"

December 16-22

Luke 2:1-20, "Treasuring God's Timing"

December 23-29

Luke 2:21-40, "Blessed, Broken, Given"





*Eugene Concert Choir
Presentation*

Sunday, December 15 at 2:30pm
Silva Concert Hall, Hult Center

From Classical Pops to Popular Classics, the Eugene Concert Choir & Orchestra performs excerpts from Hadel's *Messiah* and the Bach *Christmas Oratorio*, plus festive carols of the season. The audience is invited to join in a grand sing-along of the "Hallelujah Chorus"!

We welcome back dear friends Darline Jackson and Calvin Orlando Smith to light up the stage with familiar and timeless holiday tunes. South Eugene High School Concert Choir and the OCC Young Men's Ensemble, directed by Chris Dobson, will bring their youthful enthusiasm to this joyful holiday celebration.

This warm and engaging performance will fill the hall
with Christmas spirit!



Join us for a pre-concert
sing-along with the Oregon
Tuba Ensemble at 2 pm
inside Silva Concert Hall.

Stock the Shelves

Donate goods to our neighbors in need

A Day Program for Families in Springfield Experiencing Housing Transitions



ONGOING NEEDS FOR G Street Oasis Families

- DIAPERS (MOSTLY SIZES 4,5,6)
- BABY WIPES
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT PODS
- DRYER SHEETS
- TOOTHBRUSHES – ADULT & CHILDREN
- TOOTHPASTE
- DISPOSABLE RAZORS
- COMBS & BRUSHES
- DEODORANT – MEN & WOMEN
- SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
- FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS
- TOILET PAPER
- PAPER TOWELS
- TRASH BAGS
- BOTTLED WATER
- PROPANE
- BLANKETS & SLEEPING BAGS
- TENTS
- CAMPING SUPPLIES
- COLD WEATHER CLOTHING



Help those in need during the holidays through Catholic Community Services as they conduct their annual winter clothing drive.



CELL PHONE MANNERS

It is important to remember that cell phone etiquette asks you to silence your devices during meetings, worship, weddings and funeral or memorial services services ~ no calls and no texting. For critical calls, once your device vibrates, discretely move to a place that won't disturb others.



Poinsettias To Decorate the Sanctuary

We will again be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias for the holiday season beginning December 1st. Anyone wishing to donate a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one should fill in the form below & return it to Cheryl Vaught or Ronnie in the office. The cost is \$10.00. **(If you're to paying by check, please make the check payable to Cheryl Vaught.)** The name(s) of your loved one(s) will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

This is a festive way to both remember your loved one(s) and help decorate the sanctuary for the holiday season.

Poinsettia Order Form

Giver's Name Phone

I wish to order ____ poinsettia(s) @ \$10.00 each \$ _____

Name of Loved One*: _____

In Honor of In Memory of

Name of Loved One*: _____

In Honor of In Memory of

Do you plan to take your plant(s) home following the
Candlelight Service?

Yes No

Your Will

Have you considered extending your generosity beyond your lifetime by naming First Baptist Church of Springfield in your will? A bequest of a specific amount, or a percentage of the residue of your estate, allows you the flexibility of supporting the future of FBCS, while ensuring the ultimate care of loved ones.

Here is simple language:

"I give to the First Baptist Church of Springfield, an Oregon not-for-profit corporation, \$_____ (or _____% of my estate) for its general use and purposes."

First Baptist Church
of Springfield's Tax ID# is
93-0504196



Year-End Giving



Reminder

Many members of our church Family fulfill their pledges prior to the end of the calendar year. If you are hand delivering your pledge, please have it to the church no later than Sunday, December 29th; if mailing, it must be postmarked no later than December 31st to be considered a 2019 contribution.



If you have any questions, please call Karen Harrington at 541-741-2707.



Honoring the Service of God's Servants

2019 RETIRED Ministers & Missionaries Offering

The roots of RMMO go back to the mid-1930s, when American Baptist congregations received a Communion Fellowship Offering on the first Sunday of each month to support retired ministers, missionaries, their widowed spouses and elderly clergy within their churches. In 1977 American Baptist Churches USA launched the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) to continue this time-honored tradition of expressing thankfulness.

This year's theme, Honoring the Service of God's Servants uplifts the generosity, grace and tireless work of retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses and families who have dedicated their lives to serving the body of Christ. We hope you will join us in honoring God's committed servants. Please feel free to download or print from the PDF's provided.

"Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Thank you for your continued support.




The Reaching Team is coordinating with the **G Street Oasis Program** to provide Christmas gifts to the families in the parking lot program. The team will be providing information for the needs/wants of the families later in November and we will ask that you bring your donations wrapped and tagged to the church no later than **Sunday, December 16.** We welcome your participate in this loving mission work in our neighborhood for the guests living in the parking lot.

Thank you,
Karen Gillette, Reaching Team Leader

For Your Health: Live. Life. Healthy

Walking



Over and over studies show us that walking benefits our health. This study included 16,741 women average age of 72. These women compared to non-walkers had a 60-70% lower risk of death at the end of the four year study.

walking
for health

How does walking help? Brisk walking helps your heart and lungs, it improves circulation and it improves your energy and eases stress and tension. If you have a walking buddy it is a good way to keep up social interaction which sharpens your cognitive function.

The speed you walk isn't as important as setting and keeping a walking schedule preferably everyday. Walk at the pace of being able to talk; if you are too breathless to talk slow down a bit. Wear the proper shoes. A cushioned walking or running shoe with a slightly elevated heel and arch supports are preferable. Wear comfortable loose clothing that you can layer in chilly weather. Stay hydrated even if you don't feel thirsty.



Walk during the day and wear reflective clothing if the weather is wet or foggy. Avoid uneven or rocky ground if your balance is off. If you walk on sidewalks, watch for broken or lifted areas. Be aware of other pedestrians and bikers and also watch for dogs. If you are walking in the street, walk facing the traffic.

You might want to contact your health care provider to be sure you are healthy enough to walk. If you haven't done much physical activity prepare to have some sore muscles which will only get better as you continue your walking routine each day. You may wish to start your routine with a one mile trip. In a few days extend the mile to another half or mile. And build up gradually. You will feel better doing some regular walking and your body will get healthier too.





CHRISTMAS MOVIE FEST

December 1:
Elf

December 15:
Home Alone

December 22:
The Grinch

All kids are welcome to join us in the FBCS Youth Room after church in December for some Christmas movie fun! Popcorn, snacks, and hot chocolate will be provided.

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Join us every Sunday in
ADVENT
FOR an all ages youth Sunday School

9:30AM | CRAFTS | PRAYERS | READINGS | FOOD

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SPRINGFIELD CHILDREN'S CHURCH ROOM

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INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES



David and Joyce Reed have been reassigned to serve as IM's *Global Coordinators for Spiritual Care*. In this role, they will broaden and expand work they have done as Regional Consultants for Spiritual Care in Iberoamerica and the Caribbean to focus on cultivating a culture of health and well-being for IM personnel around the globe, as well as in the home office in King of Prussia, PA. They will collaborate with IM leadership and area directors to coordinate implementation of Goals for Personnel Care set forth in IM's strategic plan *Responding to the Call*.

David and Joyce served for 16 years as IM missionaries in La Paz, Mexico and have served 4

years in their regional role facilitating spiritual care for global servants. Joyce is currently a doctoral student at Portland Seminary focusing on spiritual formation and leadership in her ministry context with global servants. She and David teach in the Masters of Theological Studies in Latino/a Ministries which is a joint venture of IM, Palmer Theological Seminary, and the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. In recent years, they have integrated spiritual care practices more deeply into IM's annual Conference for Missionaries and *Hear the Call* Retreats.

Their aim as spiritual caregivers is ...

- to offer spiritual guidance, support, and presence
- to provide workshops and retreats on self-care, soul care, and community care practices
- to research and find resources to support spiritual growth and health;
- to walk with colleagues through significant times of transition, transformation, grief and loss
- to mentor global servants during their first years on the field.

"This new assignment carries forward IM's historical commitment to care for its global servants," says Jim Bell. "Care for Personnel is a high value for IM. As global coordinators for spiritual care, David and Joyce will allow IM to more intentionally cultivate a culture of health and member care which sustains and nurtures global servants and staff so that they may thrive and be effective in following God's call to global service."

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Leader Carol Snider 12:30 Ignite 3 CCF Serv	2	3 10:30 Yoga 2:45 CATS 7 CS, Growing & Training	4 6-7:15 Bell Choir	5 10 Reaching Team 2:45 CATS 7 Deacons & CCF Practice	6 7:30 CCF Service	7
Pastor Jeff in San Antonio Texas						
8 Worship Leader Michael Nau 12:30 Ignite 3 CCF Serv	9	10 10:30 Yoga 2:45 CATS 4 SSRA	11 6-7:15 Bell Choir	12 2:45 CATS 7 CCF Practice	13 7:30 CCF Service	14  4 Christmas Fest
15 Worship Leader Kelly Roberts 12:30 Ignite 3 CCF Serv	16	17 10:30 Yoga 2:45 CATS 6 Executive Committee 7 Church Council	18 11 Food Box Delivery 6-7:15 Bell Choir	19 2:45 CATS 7 CCF Practice	20 7:30 CCF Service	21
22 Worship Leader Mike Snider 12:30 Ignite 3 CCF Serv	23	24 10:30 Yoga 6 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25  Christmas Day	26 7 CCF Practice	27 7:30 CCF Service	28
Winter School Break ~ December 23 through January 7						
29 Worship Leader Don Vaught 12:30 Ignite 3 CCF Serv	30	31 New Year's Eve	 Sunday Lockup Amanda Gley			
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BIRTHDAYS			ANNIVERSARIES			
Edwin Rosales 1			Chanda Rosales 11			
Nora Daly 2			Randy Garrett 14			
Natalie Kronser 2			Landon Cowan 15			
Claudia Phillips 5			Kathy Paskey 16			
Mandy Sloan 5			Dan Patterson 16			
Ellie Sloan 8			David Lodwig 19			
Quincy Stevens 8			Coe Daly 20			
Mark Werder 9			Amadeus Elkin 25			
			Jim & Claudia Eastburn 14			
			Linda & Mike Forbes 14			

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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AS FRIENDS AND FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST, WE ARE COMMITTED TO:

- Growing** our friendship with Christ and one another through worship, prayer, study, partnership and service.
- Reaching** out to others in our community with the living and joy-giving message of Christ.
- Training** those in this congregation for ministry and leadership in the church and the world.

